



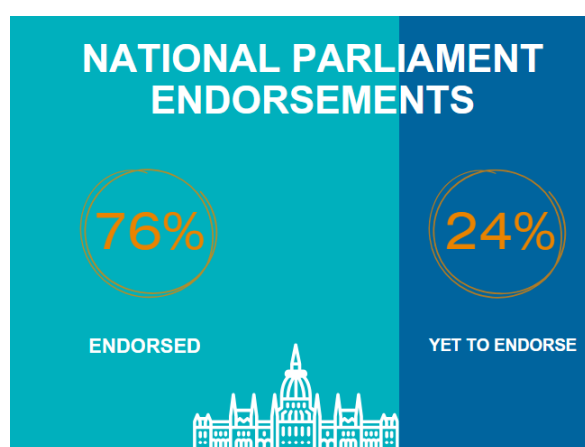
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## Fifth Expert Roundtable on the Common Principles for Support to Parliaments *The Common Principles at ten years: Charting the next decade of parliamentary self-development*



Ten years:  
Common principles,  
common progress

In October 2024, the Common Principles for Support to Parliaments will celebrate their tenth anniversary. Over the past decade, the Common Principles have provided an important foundation for developmental cooperation between parliaments and external partners. At their heart is the vision that parliaments themselves must be in the driving seat of their own development. Since their launch, they have been endorsed by 147 national parliaments, or 76% of the total, and 31 partner organizations; each new endorsement giving further weight and recognition to the Common Principles as a widely accepted standard to guide support relationships.



The Common Principles have also served as a compass, helping parliaments navigate the complex and continuously evolving parliamentary ecosystem. The pace of change is faster than ever but the Common Principles were drafted to stand the test of time. However, ensuring that the right tools and products are available to amplify the Principles and facilitate their application requires continuous attention.

### Objective

Ten years after the adoption of the Common Principles, the Fifth Expert Roundtable will bring together parliaments and support partners to reflect on the present state of parliamentary development, anticipate future trends to navigate, and help identify new tools and products for the parliamentary development community. It will also be an occasion to exchange ideas on how to celebrate the ten-year anniversary. The discussion will be overlayed with the prism of the Common Principles, and how they can be better promoted and applied to further strengthen parliamentary self-development. **The ultimate goal is to continue to ensure that parliaments' development in the years ahead belongs to them and is resilient to future crises.** The following guiding questions will be examined:

- *The Common Principles at ten years:* How have the Common Principles been applied in your Parliament or organization and how have they contributed to better parliamentary development?

Participants will be invited to share concrete examples of how using the Common Principles has impacted their Parliament's development and the challenges they have faced.

- *Charting the future:* What actionable tools or products would be useful to further help parliaments and partners enhance application of the Common Principles in the years ahead?

Participants will discuss tools that can be used to better drive parliamentary self-development, as well as innovations to help parliaments and partners bolster operationalization of the Common Principles.

- Celebrating common progress: How can parliaments and partners raise awareness of the Common Principles and celebrate the tenth anniversary?

In view of the upcoming tenth anniversary at the 149th IPU Assembly in October 2024, participants will share proposals on how they can celebrate the anniversary and raise awareness of the Common Principles in their institutions. To ensure the Common Principles remain an active and sustainable guide for parliamentary self-development, participants will also discuss how to bolster ongoing engagement within parliaments.

### Participants

Participants will be representatives of parliaments and partner organizations who have responsibility for institutional parliamentary development. Interactive and open dialogue between participants will be encouraged. Participants are therefore invited to come prepared to engage and share experiences from their respective parliaments or projects.

### Invitation for written inputs

Parliaments and partners may also submit written input highlighting their experiences on the topics under discussion. Written contributions should be sent to [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org) by 7 March 2024.

### Languages

Documents will be provided in English and French. Interpretation will be provided in English, French, Arabic and Spanish.

### Date and venue

The Fifth Roundtable will take place on 28 March 2024 in Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG, Geneva

### Registration

<https://registration.ipu.org/event/84832f5b-1793-49b5-9039-70c236eeb2b3/summary>

